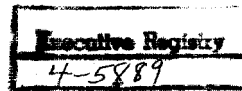


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR
AERONAUTICS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION RESOURCES AGENCY

SUBJECT: CMP Experience in the Department of Defense.

1. A record of the experience of the departments in operating under a full-scale Controlled Materials Plan should be developed for two important uses: to serve as a staffing guide in case such a plan were reimposed at a future date, and to provide data against which proposed simplification could be evaluated. The attached format for a questionnaire has been developed with your representatives to elicit the information that would serve these two purposes.

2. One portion of the questionnaire is devoted to accumulating administrative information. Available records will not disclose all the data, so it is necessary to rely on estimates prepared, as far as possible, by people who performed or supervised the CMP functions. The format may be amplified as necessary for use within your department. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics), needs only summaries of the data, provided the back-up material so summarized is retained and available in offices designated by you. The summary information will be incorporated by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics) in the relevant section(s) of the Emergency Priorities and Allocations Manual as administrative background.

3. The second part of the questionnaire is directed to highlighting the major difficulties and obtaining recommendations of your personnel on ways to overcome the problems they encountered in operating under CMP rules. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics) will appreciate receiving such suggestions, either selected and summarized or by the transmittal of copies, and will consider their applicability to the current Defense Materials System as well as to improvement of any full production control plan to be prepared for mobilization.

4. Report Control Symbol DD-S&L(OT) has been assigned to the request described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

5. The accuracy of the estimate of the administrative load, and the value of the recommendations for improvements in the system both depend upon the extent to which they are prepared by persons who actively participated in CMP operations. For this reason it is requested that this project be undertaken immediately. Please submit your report to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics) by 15 November 1953.



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